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*Assignment of lands in Palayakayal village, Srivaikuntam taluk.*

704 Q.—Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI: Will the hon. the Member for Revenue be pleased to state—

(1) what extent of land is available for assignment under darkhast rules in the village of Palayakayal in the Srivaikuntam taluk of the Tinnevely district;

(2) how much of this extent has been reserved for assignment to ex-war service men and members of the depressed classes; and

(3) whether any portion of the lands thus proposed to be reserved includes lands rendered fit for cultivation by the ryots of the village at much cost and labour and for which *siyayijama* assessment is being paid by them regularly for a series of years?

A.—The Government have no information.

Diwan Bahadur T. N. SIVAGNANAM PILLAI:—“Will the hon. Member be pleased to call for the information?”

The hon. Khan Bahadur Sir MUHAMMAD HABIB-UL-LAH SAHIB Bahadur:—“I am afraid, Sir, it is not worth the trouble.”

*Report on excise reform.*

705 Q.—Mr. W. P. A. SAUNDARAPANDIA NADAR: Will the hon. the Minister for Education be pleased to publish at an early date the reports submitted by Messrs. D. N. Strathie and R. K. Shunmukham Chettiyar about the excise reform?

A.—The reports will be published in due course.

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU:—“May I know from the hon. the Minister what the ‘due course’ referred to in the answer is, whether it is three months, or six months, one year or two years, when this report is likely to be published?”

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO:—“Sir, the hon. Member’s suggestion of one or two months seems to be unfounded. As soon as the printing is finished and the circulation to the departments has been effected, it will be published.”

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU:—“When is it likely to be printed and when is it likely to be circulated . . . .”

The hon. Rao Bahadur A. P. PATRO:—“At any rate, Sir, it will be published before the time which the hon. Member presumes.”

Diwan Bahadur M. RAMACHANDRA RAO PANTULU:—“What is the time which I presume, Sir? I presume no time at all. All that I want is that there must be an early publication of the report. The Government cannot say that they will do it in due course.”

*Compounding of toll-fees.*

706 Q.—Mr. R. SRINIVASA AYYANGAR: With reference to the answer given to my question No. 308 on the 16th September last regarding the compounding of toll-fees, will the hon. the Minister for Local Self-Government be pleased to lay on the table the information called for?

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A.—The report received from the President of the South Arcot District Board on the subject is placed on the table.\*

No report has yet been received from the President, District Board, Malabar. From the reports received from the other presidents of district boards it is found that all district boards except South Kanara have opened subsidiary toll-gates and must be deemed to have passed resolutions under clause (4) of section 104 of the Madras Local Boards Act, 1920.

*Irrigation facilities in Vizagapatam district.*

707 Q.—MR. M. SURYANARAYANA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether any report has been received from the Collector of Vizagapatam in regard to the irrigation facilities of the district referred to by the hon. the Revenue Member in his reply to Resolution No. 193, dated 19th January 1922; and

(2) whether the Government will be pleased to place the same on the table?

A.—(1) Yes.

(2) The report is placed on the table.†

*Forest Panchayat courts in Vizagapatam district.*

708 Q.—MR. M. SURYANARAYANA : Will the hon. the Home Member be pleased to state—

(1) what is the extent of No. 5 reserved forests in each of the Government taluks in the Vizagapatam district; and

(2) whether there are any Forest panchayats in any of these Government taluks, and if so, in what places?

A.—There are no class V forests in the Vizagapatam district, nor are there any forest panchayats in the district.

*Panchayat courts for civil and criminal cases in Vizagapatam district.*

709 Q.—MR. M. SURYANARAYANA : Will the hon. the Law Member be pleased to state—

(1) whether any panchayat courts have been constituted for the trial of civil suits under section 9 of the Village Courts Act in the district of Vizagapatam; if so, in what places; and

(2) whether any of these courts have been invested with criminal jurisdiction; if so, in what places?

A.—(1) The Government have sanctioned 121 panchayat courts of which 113 have been opened by 31st December last. A list will be furnished to the hon. Member.

(2) All the above panchayat courts have criminal powers at present.

\* Vide Appendix D on page 1291 infra.

† Vide Appendix E on page 1291 infra.